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BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT
AND TRANSMISSION LINE COMMITTEE

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
 GILA BEND POWER PARTNERS, L.L.C., OR
 THEIR ASSIGNEE(S), IN CONFORMANCE WITH
 REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED
 STATUTES SECTIONS 40-360-01 *ET SEQ.*, FOR A
 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
 COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE
 CONSTRUCTION OF A NATURAL GAS-FIRED,
 COMBINED CYCLE GENERATING PLANT,
 SWITCHYARD, AND RELATED FACILITIES IN
 THE TOWN OF GILA BEND, MARICOPA
 COUNTY, ARIZONA LOCATED IN THE SOUTH
 WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 5
 SOUTH RANGE 5 WEST, GILA AND RIVER BASE
 AND MERIDIAN.

CASE NO. 106
 DOCKET NO. L-00000V-00-0106

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Pursuant to the discussion of the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee at the December 15, 2000, hearing on this matter, attached hereto as Exhibit A is a proposed Certificate of Environmental Compatibility. This proposed Certificate may be considered by the Committee on February 2, 2001.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the proposed Certificate of Environmental Compatibility may be considered by the Committee on February 2, 2001.

Date this 18th day of January, 2001.

Paul A. Bullis, Chairman

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EXHIBIT A

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20 **DECISION OF THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING**
21 **COMMITTEE AND CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY**

22 Pursuant to notice given as provided by law, the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line
23 Siting Committee ("Committee") held public hearings at the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200
24 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, on Wednesday, November 15 and Friday, December 15, 2000,
25 in conformance with the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes Section 40-360, *et seq.*, for the
26 purpose of receiving public comment and evidence, and deliberating on the Application of Gila Bend
27 Power Partners, L.L.C. ("Gila Bend" or "Applicant"), or their assignees, for a Certificate of
28 Environmental Compatibility ("Certificate") authorizing construction of a natural gas-fired,
combined cycle generating plant, switchyard, and related facilities in the Town of Gila Bend,
Maricopa County, Arizona, as described in the application. The following members and designees
of members of the Committee were present for one or more of the hearing days:

Paul A. Bullis

Chairman, Designee for Arizona Attorney General,
Janet Napolitano

Steve Olea

Arizona Corporation Commission

Dennis Sundie

Department of Water Resources

1	Richard Tobin	Department of Environmental Quality
2	Mark McWhirter	Department of Commerce
3	George Campbell	Appointed Member
4	Jeff McGuire	Appointed Member
5	A. Wayne Smith	Appointed Member
6	Sandie Smith	Appointed Member

7 The Applicant was represented by its counsel, Karen L. Peters and Justin D. Steltenpohl of
8 Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. Staff of the Arizona Corporation Commission was represented
9 by its counsel, Janice Alward. At the conclusion of the hearing, after consideration of the
10 Application, the evidence and exhibits presented, the legal requirements of A.R.S. § 40-360 to 40-
11 360.13, and in accordance with A.A.C. R14-3-213, upon motion duly made and seconded, the
12 Committee voted to grant Gila Bend the following Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (Case
13 No. 106).

14 Gila Bend Power Partners, L.L.C., is hereby granted a Certificate of Environmental
15 Compatibility for the construction of the following facilities as requested in its Application:

16 Gila Bend Power Partners, L.L.C. is authorized to construct a natural gas-fired, combined
17 cycle generating plant consisting of three combustion gas turbines and one steam turbine
18 producing a nominal 845 MW, switchyard, and related facilities in the Town of Gila Bend,
19 Maricopa County, Arizona, as described in the Application. This Certificate is granted upon
20 the following conditions:

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- 22 1. The Applicant and its assignees will comply with all existing applicable air
23 and water pollution control standards and regulations, and with all existing
24 applicable ordinances, master plans and regulations of the State of Arizona,
25 the County of Maricopa, the United States, and any other governmental
26 entities having jurisdiction.
 - 27 2. This authorization to construct the project will expire five years from the date
28 the Certificate is approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission
 ("Commission") unless construction is completed to the point that the plant
 is capable of operating at its rated capacity by that time; provided, however,
 that prior to such expiration the facility owner may request that the
 Commission extend this time limitation.
 3. Applicant shall provide to the Commission, not more than twelve (12)

months prior to the commercial operation of the plant, a technical study regarding the sufficiency of transmission capacity to the plant.

4. Applicant shall submit to the Commission an interconnection agreement with the transmission provider with whom it is interconnecting.
5. Applicant or one of its affiliates will become a member of the Western States Coordinating Council ("WSCC"), or its successor, and file a copy of its WSCC Reliability Criteria Agreement or Reliability Management System (RMS) Generator Agreement with the Commission.
6. Applicant will use commercially reasonable efforts to become a member of the Southwest Reserve Sharing Group, or its successor, thereby making its units available for reserve sharing purposes, subject to competitive pricing.
7. Applicant or its assignee(s) will respond to inquiries for future transmission interconnections with its facilities in the same nondiscriminatory manner and using the same process as that required of transmission owners and service providers.
8. Applicant shall operate its project so as to meet a 2.5 ppm NOx emissions level.
9. Applicant shall operate its project so that during normal operations the project shall not exceed (i) HUD or EPA residential noise guidelines or (ii) OSHA worker safety noise standards.
10. Applicant's switchyard shall be a conventional open-air, breaker and one-half bus design consisting of high-voltage power circuit breakers, disconnect switches, grounding switches, potential transformers, surge arresters, substation steel structures, and protective relaying equipment.
11. Applicant will comply with all current and future requirements and recommendations by the Town of Gila Bend regarding landscaping and site conditions.
12. Applicant will use low profile structures, moderate stacks, neutral colors, compatible landscaping, and low intensity directed lighting for plant.
13. Applicant will implement its Land Management Plan as contained in hearing Exhibit A-8. In addition, the Applicant shall provide natural screening along the entire southern and western boundaries of the plant site.
14. Applicant will, where feasible, develop an ongoing relationship with an appropriate educational institution in the State of Arizona to develop research projects to evaluate the ability of newly established vegetation to resist competition by salt cedar.
15. Applicant's project shall have two (2) approved transmission lines emanating from its power plant's transmission switchyard and interconnecting with the existing transmission system. This plant interconnection must satisfy the single contingency outage criteria (N-1) without reliance on remedial action such as generator unit tripping or load shedding.
16. Applicant shall not begin construction of the project until a Certificate of

1 Environmental Compatibility has been issued and approved by the
2 Commission for a new transmission line to interconnect the project with the
3 WSCC transmission grid.

- 4 17. Applicant's project shall be designed and constructed to accommodate two
5 transmission lines emanating from its power plant's transmission switchyard
6 and interconnecting with the existing transmission system. This plant
7 interconnection must satisfy the single contingency outage criterion (N-1)
8 without reliance on remedial action such as generator unit tripping of load
9 shedding.

10 GRANTED this ____ day of _____, 2000.

11 ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND
12 TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

13 By _____
14 Paul A. Bullis, Chairman
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APPROVED BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

Chairman Commissioner Commissioner

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Brian C. McNeil, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, set my hand and cause the official seal of the Commission to be affixed this ____ day of _____, 2000.

By _____
Brian C. McNeil
Executive Secretary

Dissent: _____